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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with:

This invention relates to game machines such as a pachinko game machine (pinball-like game machine of Japanese origin) comprising a display means for displaying game-related designs and control means, such as a microcomputer, for controlling the display.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with:

A type of pachinko (spring-driven steel ball) game machine has been on the market in which a display means is provided to show variation display of symbols when specific conditions are met (hereinafter called "special symbols"), and advantage is given

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